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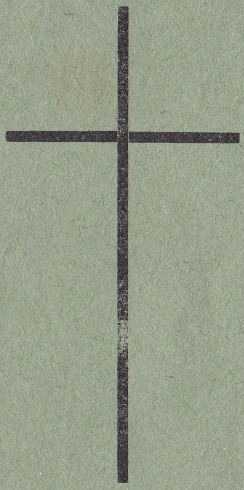

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---- How worldly wise are you on heavenly subjects ?

---- Guild decimalised

---- Dearnley Yarns

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All news items etc., for March publication should be in the hands of the Editor by:

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Dear Friends,

Who said this was a selfish, ungenerous age? Maybe not, but we have thought it on many an occasion. The Marie Rand Appeal has at least shown up the other side of the world. There is a side which demonstrates the self-sacrifice of humanity, the willingness to forget the bank-balance as a personal untouchable acquisition & the positive approach to a case of need.

Whether we like it or not, the Marie Rands of this world need our help. They are the unfortunate ones, the 'different' who can get left out. When the crunch comes, the Good Samaritan is there sometimes - or should I say the Good Samaritans. It is the old story of many giving a little - the end product is a credit to everyone. In Marie's case, the money came from all over the country, from Plymouth, the Houses of Parliament, from national and local groups of people. Locally, things have been happening in pubs, in committee rooms, in church vestries, in political clubs, in homes turnes into marmalade factories. A lump comes into the throat when one of our own children comes with a shilling which grandma had given for sweets. The sweets which a child forfeits for Marie may be a bigger sacrifice than the pound note from the wallet. Most of this has happened in 14 days - over £330 to date and the rest of the money promised.

For once the minister's message (God bless the term) can be used to praise instead of to prick consciences. We can thank God for generosity and for sheer goodwill. We can praise Him that sometimes Church, Industry, Politics, the Social Services, Clubs and Indivuals can combine in one great act of Christian action.

By the time this Messenger is printed, the Appeal will be history, and the Rands will be packing their bags to go to Philadelphia with our good wishes for Marie. As they fly from Gatwick on the 27th February, everyone will be hoping that

Marie's life will be more complete because of her visit to the special clinic.....

A prayer will then have been answered.

Yours sincerey,

Glyn Jenkins

IN MEMORIAM

FRANK E CUDWORTH of 23 Harbour Lane, who died suddenly on Thursday 14th January, aged 47 years. Our deepest sympathy goes to Jean his wife, and Elaine and Neil, the children. Mr. Cudworth's passing has given us all a great shock. His funeral took place on Wednesday January 20th, Mr. Jenkins conducting the services.

DOROTHY HOWARTH of 7 Tunshill Grove, Milnrow, passes away on Wednesday 20th January at Manchester Royal Infirmary aged 38 years. The funeral was conducted by our minister on Monday 25th January. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her sister, Mrs. O Ralston and all the relatives.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.'

BAPTISM

JOANNE PENWARDEN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. P.E. Penwarden of 69 Newhey Road, was baptised on Sunday 3rd January, our minister officiating.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mrs. Fielding of 60 St. James Street on attaining a young 90 years on Monday 18th January 1971

Mr. & Mrs. K. Scaddon of 3 Newfield View, on the birth of a daughter, Joanne, on January 6th 1971.

"GOD HELPS US"

The above is the general title for the February readings.

7th Feb. Acts 9: v 10- 19 "To help each other"

14th " Acts 12: v 1 - 11 "When things seem hopeless."

21st " Acts 18: v 35- 43 "When Jesus comes"

A new course begins on the last Sunday of the month on "The Life, Teaching and Work of Jesus Christ."

28th Feb. Mark 1: v 21- 28 "Jesus masters evil"

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NEW PENNIES AT THE GUILD

Three new office holders were elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Ladies Guild on January 5th. The office of Guild Secretary has been divided into two so that Mrs. Connie Clough becomes General Secretary and Mrs. Christine Rothwell becomes Social Secretary. The third new member of the team is Mrs. Marilyn Mellor who becomes Birthday Secretary. The other office holders are:

President ..... Mrs. S. Jenkins
Vice-President..... Mrs. M. Howarth
Treasurer..... Mrs. P. Royle
Flower Secretary..... Mrs. E. Garside
Assist." " ..... Mrs. D. Hey

29 members were present to join in a vote of thanks to Mrs. Cynthia Hey who stood down as Guild Secretary and to the retiring Birthday Secretary, Mrs. Ella Prince.

After the serious part of the meeting Councillor Ian Royle came along to give a talk on "Decimalisation" and the evening came to a chaotic conclusion with a game of "Decimal Shop."

SECOND HAND CAR ?

Start Spring Cleaning soon and find what you can for the "Good as New" shop planned for Thursday to Saturday April 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Anything saleable is acceptable and this time we are looking particularly for goods for our second hand car-accessory section.

Proceeds are in aid of the Modernisation Fund - Remember, this year's target is £400.

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ARE YOU A MAN (OR WOMAN) OF THE WORLD ?

To find out, pretend that this is the "Sunday Express" (or "Rave" if you must) and answer the 10 Questions below.

1. What is the difference between an agnostic and an atheist?
2. What is a Koran?
3. In what kind of religious worship do the men sit apart from the women?
4. Who was Muhammad?
5. What is the purpose of the mass?
6. To what religion does the 'MiddleWay" belong?
7. What are pagodas?
8. Who believe that "God is the inner self of everything that exists, including the inner self of you and me" ?
9. Who eat kosher food ?
10. Who worship Allah ?

(For the answers, stand on your head unless you are called Pythagoras)

For super personality test, turn to next page.

1.Agnostic- God cannot be known. Atheist - there is no God. 2.The sacred writtings of Islam. 3. Judaism. 4.The last of the prohets of God, according to the muslems. 5.The mass is a service to give homage to God & offering again the sacrifice of Christ's death. 6.Buddhism. 7.The devotional buildings of Buddhists. 8.Hindu. 9.Jews. 10.Muslims.

WORD & SACRAMENT - A FULL YEAR'S PROGRAMME

As announced at the first communion service of the year, the monthly service of word and sacrament during 1971 will be dealing with matters of belief.

January	"New Theology"
February	"Adam & Eve"
March	"Miracles"
April	"The Resurection"
May	"Ascendency"
June	"Local Liturgy"
July	"Ministry in the melting"
August	"Pop Prayer"
September	"Life After Death"
October	--------JUNIOR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
November	"Hell"
December	"Bearing the Reality of Christmas"

The scheme is based on John Robinson's book "But That I Can't Believe" published by Fontana. Church members are urged to really try to be present at the sacrament.

"CANCER"

A talk by a member of the Manchester Regional Committee on Cancer will be given at the next Ladies Guild meeting on Tuesday 2nd February, at 7.30 p.m. A warm welcome is extended to all.

PERSONALITY TEST

Do not read this until you have done the quiz on page 5.

Between 7 & 10 right. You are lively and interested in the world outside. Extroverts like you should not miss the house party on World Religions.

Between 3 & 6 right. You are neither one thing nor another and you don't know which way to turn. Puzzled people like you can get sorted out at the house group on world religions.

Between 0 & 2 right. You are inclined to be smugly satisfied with your own little life. Intraverts like you should find out how others live at the house party on World Religions.

SIDESMEN FOR MORNING WORSHIP

Feb.	7th	Mr. G. Buckley	Mr. A. Rae
	14th	Counc.J. Harrison	Counc. I. Royle
	21st	Mr. J. Collins	Mrs.A. Collins
	28th	Mr. W. Holland	Mr. W. Prince
Mar.	7th	Mr. L. Whittaker	Mr. R. Gillon

EVENING DOOR STEWARDS			VESTRY DUTY
Feb.	7th	Mrs. A. Whitworth Mrs. N. Settle	-
	14th	Mrs. A. Wilson Miss M. Wood	Mr. J. Emmott
	21st	Mrs. E. Starkie Mr. G. Whitworth	-
	28th	Mrs. E. Gillon Mr. K. Hey	Mr. G. Whitworth
Mar.	7th	Mr. B. Clough Mr. J. Emmott	-

COMMUNION ROTA

Feb.7th	Mr. A. Roberts Mrs. A. Wilson
Mar.7th	Mr.H.Whitehead Mrs.E.Starkie

ORGANIST TRANSPORT ROTA

Feb.7th	Mr.H. Whitehead
21st	Mr. K. Hey
28th	Mr.G.Whitworth
Mar.7th	Mr. B. Clough

FAMILY CHURCH COFFEE ROTA

Feb.	7th	Mrs. J. Cudworth	Mrs. A. Roberts
	14th	Mrs. C. Clough	Mrs. P. Royle
	21st	Mrs. E. Busil	Miss I. Tither
	28th	Mrs. Prestwich	Mrs. J. Kay
Mar.	7th	Mrs. H. Buckley	Mrs. E. Smith

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

Feb.	7th	Mrs. F. Holland	Mrs. E. Prince
	14th	Mrs. T. Cooper	
	21st	Mrs. B. Wild	
	28th	Mrs. I. Crowther	Mrs. O. Ralston
Mar.	7th	Mrs. H. Buckley	Mrs. E. Smith

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Apologies to the treasurer for the omission of the offertories last month - the editor accepts full responsibility.

ST. STEPHEN'S DIARY

February

Tues. 2nd	7.30 pm.	Women's Guild: Dr.R.Schofield
Wed. 3rd	7.30 pm.	Home Study Course (Standard) at 24 Ladyhouse Close.
Sun. 7th	11.00 am.	Rev. G. Jenkins (Reception of C.C.W.M. Boxes)
	6.00 pm.	Rev. G. Jenkins (Communion & Reception of new members)
Wed. 10th		Deacons Meeting
Thur.11th	7.30 pm.	Junior Church Staff Prep.Class
Feb. 12th	8.00 pm.	District Youth Committee at Bamford.
Sat. 13th	7.30 pm.	Concert by Rochdale Male Voice Choir
Sun. 14th	11.00 am.	Mrs. E. Gillon
	6.00 pm.	Film Service "VILLAGE OF THE POOR"
Tues.16th - Sun. 21st		Missionary Deputation in Rochdale.
Thur.18th	3.00 pm.	Ladies Meeting at MILTON (See page 15
Sun. 21st	11.00 am.	Rev. G. Jenkins
	6.30 pm.	UNITED SERVICE AT BAMFORD
Tues.23rd	7.30 pm.	Coffee Evening & Lingerie Demo.
Wed. 24th	8.00 pm.	Church Meeting
Fri. 26th	7.30 pm.	District Meeting: Bamford
Sun. 28th	11.00 am.	Mr. W. Beswick
	6.00 pm.	Rev. G. Jenkins

March

Tues. 2nd	7.30 pm.	Women's Guild
Wed. 3rd	7.30 pm.	Women's Guild (Bury & R'dale Dist) Rally at Milton - See page 15

OFFERTORIES

November	Envelopes			Cash			Total		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
1st	17	9	3	12	10	6	29	19	9
8th	9	15	6	4	1	3	13	16	9
15th	14	10	0	5	6	11	19	16	11
22nd	13	17	8	6	6	9	20	4	5
29th	12	10	0	3	14	3	16	4	3
Dec.6th	5	8	5	14	19	6	20	7	11
13th	4	10	0	13	19	6	18	9	6
20th	9	4	6	15	3	0	24	7	6
27th	2	1	0	8	9	0	10	10	0

February

Tues. 2nd 7.30 pm. Busy Bees (Annual Meeting)
Thurs.4th 6.00 - 8.00 pm. Pilots
Sun. 7th 10.30 am. Mr. P. Whitehead
Tues. 9th 7.30 pm. Busy Bees Bargain Party
Thur.11th 6.00 - 8.00 pm. Pilots
Sun. 14th 10.30 am. Rev. G. Jenkins
6.00 pm. " (Communion
Tues.16th 7.30 pm. Junior Church (Annual Meeting)

7.30 pm. Women's Guild (Birthday Supper)
16th - 22nd - Missionary Deputation in Rochdale
Thur.18th 3.00 pm. Ladies Meeting at MILTON) See
6.00 pm. Pilots - open evening)page 15
Sun. 21st 10.30 am. Mr. W. Beswick (Bury)
6.30 pm. UNITED SERVICE AT BAMFORD
Mon. 22nd 8.00 pm. House Group (14 Salts Drive)
Thur.25th 7.45 pm. Men's Fellowship
6.00 - 8.00 pm. Pilots
Sun. 28th 10.30 pm. Rev. G. Jenkins (Family Communion)

March

Wed. 3rd 7.30 pm. Women's Guild (Bury & Rochdale Dist.)
Rally at Milton (See page 15)
Thur. 4th 6.00 pm. Pilots
Sun. 7th 10.30 pm.) LADIES SERVICES
6.00 pm.)
Tues. 9th 7.30 pm. Women's Guild (Annual Meeting)

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

Feb. 7th	Mrs. White
14th	Mrs. Greenwood
21st	Miss Dobson
28th	Mrs. Jackson
Mar. 7th	Mrs. Walker

OFFERTORIES

Dec. 20th	£6.	14	0
Christian Aid	£15	14	2
Dec. 27th	£ 9.	3	9
Jan. 3rd	£ 9.	8	6
10th	£17	9	6
17th	£ 8.	2	3

SIDESMEN

Feb. 7th	Mr. E. Holt	Mr. Ingham	
14th	Mr. Beattie	Mr. H. Hill	10.30 am.
	Mr. A. Booth	Mr. Simpson	6.00 pm.
21st	Mr. Brown	Mr. Nairn	
28th	Mr. Barker	Mr. Ingham	
Mar. 7th	Mr. E. Holt	Mr. Beattie	

DEACONS COMMUNION ROTA

Feb. 14th	6.0 pm.	Mr. W. Barker	Mr. Nairn
28th	10.30 am.	Mr. Beattie	Mr. Simpson
Mar. 14th	6.00 pm.	Mrs. Beattie	Mr. Griffiths

CRECHE ROTA

Feb. 7th	Barbara Griffiths	Elizabeth Crawford
14th	Beryl Hartley	Stella Moss
21st	Jean Hobbs	Joan Horridge
28th	Dorothy Mallinson	Hilary Vincent
Mar. 7th	Brenda Leach	Margery Holt

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FAMILY CHURCH READINGS

Feb. 7th	"God Helps Us" To help each other Acts 9: v 10 - 19	Esther Bennett
14th	"God Helps Us" When things seem hopeless Acts 12: v 1 - 11	Mrs. Lightfoot
21st	"God Helps Us" When Jesus comes Luke 18: v 35 - 43	Steven Moss
28th	Jesus Hastens Evil Mark 1: v 21 - 28	Mrs. K. Hill
Mar. 7th	Jesus Handles Opposition Luke 4: v 16 - 30	Mrs. C. Hill

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TALES OF DEARNLEY

This year the Mens Fellowship held their Christmas party at the Dearnley Guest House on the Tuesday before Christmas. About 20 men ate their fill and were afterwards entertained by a select band of story tellers whose yarns rounded off an excellent evening.

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RECEIVING YOU

The Editor has received a letter from a Littleborough reader criticising him for re-phrasing a vital piece of information. The writer goes on to quote a friend who "says it is just a complete waste of time sending notices if you are going to alter to this extent."

The Editor replies: "I am honestly sorry that I cut out a vital piece of information but I simply did not realise its importance. On occasion, I too have been badly reported (apple pies) and it is not a nice trick for any editor to do but it is no answer to stop submitting news. Can I suggest some simple and, I think, fair rules.

1. Items marked "Do not edit" will not be altered.
2. Other items will be altered at the Editor's discretion.

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THE DIFFERENCE

Four different races make up the British People. The Scots who keep the Sabbath and everything else they can lay their hands on. The Irish who don't know what the devil they want but are willing to die for it. The Welsh who pray on their knees and their neighbours. And the English who consider themselves a race of self-made men, thereby relieving the Almighty of a dreadful responsibility.

Anon.

SEEN & UNSEEN

Pastor Lord was the speaker at the Ladies Guild Meeting held on Tuesday 5th January and he spoke on the subject of "People; Seen and Unseen." Mrs. C. Hill presided and Mrs. A. Stott played the piano. Tea and biscuits were served for supper.

BUSY BEES
BARGAIN PARTY

Tuesday 9th February at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs. Pearson

Admission 2/6 Children 1/6

Everyone invited.

TORBAY TATA

Good Wishes to Mr. & Mrs. J. Holt and family of 79 Victoria Street, Littleborough who are moving to Paignton in early March. You lucky people!

IT'S A.G.M. TIME FOLKS

Busy Bees	Junior Church	Ladies Guild
Tuesday 2nd Feb.	Tuesday 16th Feb.	Tuesday 9th March

In all cases at 7.30 p.m. Don't miss your chance to "sock it to 'em and, if you want to get yourself volunteered for some thankless task.

PANTOMIME TIME

Over 60 scholars and teachers travelled by coach to Oldham on New Year's Day to see the pantomime "Cinderella." The trip was an experimental change from the usual annual party in the schoolroom and from what we hear it proved a great success and very much to the children's liking.

THINK ABOUT IT

GOING METRIC?

"One Saturday afternoon, "recalls Eric Reed, "I climbed into my car and set off to a 1. 304.8 mm Ball match. It was a crowd pulling 2. top-of-the-4.829 km encounter, and heavy traffic 3. in the 1.609 km End Road meant that I could only 4. 25.4 mm forward at traffic lights."

"In the end, I decided to park the car in a 5. builder's 0.9144 mm, "he continued, "and to 6. travel the rest of the way on 304.8mm. I 7. couldn't quite 1.8288 m which was the right direction to start with, but my doubts didn't 8. last 201.125 m."

"I got to the ground just as the match started, and West Ham seemed to be several 9. 0.91 m faster on the ball than their opponents. The game was interrupted on occasions by some 10. 6.35 kg -throwing youths and swinging bicycle 11. 20.117 m, but in spite of this West Ham piled 12 on the kgf/m in the second half to win 3 goals to 1."

13 "The excitement reached 100°C as the game ended and I emerged somewhat exhausted by it 14. all. The thought of having to 0.4536 kg my 15) way on 304.8 mm back to the builders 0.9144 m 16) left me feeling in need of a pick-me-up. So I nipped into a pub" he concluded, "and downed 17 a 0.5681 instead!"

This is a puzzle for those who have not yet been driven berserk by decimalisation. Can you translate it into plain, old-fashioned English?

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Last Month's "Think About It"

All oranges were sold at 3d each but anyone who bought 7 could have them all for 1d. It is a daft way to sell oranges but the prices fit. Tom sold a 7 and three singles, Dick sold four 7s and two singles, Euripides sold 7 and a single. All drew 10d.

"At the end of the first day I was shattered. For two years my shoulders had carried nothing heavier than an overcoat and my legs had forgotten how to walk 15 miles. My new boots pinched my feet, jungle bugs attacked me viciously including a leech which somehow got inside my mouth. I finally cornered it against a molar and ground it to nothing in my wrath; giving thanks with a shiver, that I hadn't swallowed it....."

"....Except for occasional level stretches where villages were built hills rose on each side of the river, green, green, green. There were trees, ferns, palms, shrubs, creepers, vines and, as in that first garden "everything pleasant and good for food." Growing in abundance were bananas, pawpaw, pineapple and breadfruit to provide Man with his sustenance. And the ground too gave of her fruit in due season, sweet potato, yams and taro....."

Both the above contrasting quotations are taken from the same article in the December (Part 4) edition of "Enterprise". The article, entitled "Philipians Up The Tauri" is by Donald Horsfield, a missionary in Papua who was a college contemporary of Rev. G. Jenkins. Do read it for an appreciation of the hardships and joys of missionary work.

St. Stephen's members may recall that not very long ago the missionary committee organised a "South Seas Evening" and during that evening Rev. G. Jenkins read a letter from Donald Horsfield. Do you recall?

C.C.W.M.

The Rev. Donald P. Collins & Mrs. Collins will be the Missionaries on Deputation to the Rochdale area - 17th - 22nd February 1971

They have both been working in South India for over 30 years: Mr. Collins having been Principal of the Erode Community and Training Schools. Now in addition to being in charge of the Boys High School in Salem, he is responsible for the training for church work and evangelism of lay preachers and other voluntary workers in the Coimbatore Diocese.

Mrs. Collins has also been closely associated with schools and womens work, and taken considerable responsibility for Famine Relief work.

Their programme for the week includes the following meetings which may be of interest to you, and at which you will be most welcome.

THURSDAY 18th Feb. 3.0 p.m.	at MILTON - Ladies Meeting
7.0 p.m.	at LITTLEBOROUGH - Pilots open evening. All children age 7 - 13 years invited. Parents welcome to stay.
SATURDAY 20th Feb. 3.30 p.m.	at HEYWOOD (Rochdale Rd. East) Afternoon tea. Bring & Buy. Missionaries circulating informally.
SUNDAY 21st Feb. 6.30 p.m.	at BAMFORD - United Service, followed by informal hour during which light regreshments will be served.

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WOMEN'S GUILD (Bury & Rochdale District)

Rally at Milton on Wednesday, 3rd March.
Induction of President - Mrs. E. Gillon.
Tea & Biscuits will be served after the meeting.
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